

**Developmental Disabilities Council
Membership Committee
Courtyard Marriott
Federal Way
November 16, 2006**

PRESENT: Larry Garman (Chair); Vickie Foster, Mike Hatch, Diana McMaster, Becky Laskey, Laethan Wene, Adrian Patayon, Suzanne Gries, Shawn Latham, Erin Platts, Harriett Bryant

ABSENT:

Staff: Cathy Townley

Call to order/agenda/approval of minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

DEVELOPMENT DAY

The committee decided that the panel for people sharing their stories was a big success and folks have voiced that it is something the committee should continue to do. Larry explained the process of this to the committee.

There will be 4 people to a panel who will have approximately 10 minutes each to tell their story about how they overcame barriers in their life. The day will begin with an ice breaker.

Some of the possible subjects are media training, communicating with legislators. Shawn would like to discuss setting up a list serve to inform people about advocacy events and other issues. The committee also talked about empathy training and will look into how that might be done.

Shawn may also be presenting a workshop on assistive technology. Another topic mentioned was the new IDEA Act.

RECRUITMENT REPORT

Cathy reported that we need to do another recruitment to fill the two existing empty positions on the Council because we are currently out of compliance with the Federal Government. She will bring applications to the next meeting for the interview group to look over. Names will be sent into the Governor in January.

The idea of having a “Recruitment Tool Box” was discussed. Some of the items this may include could be the application, brochure, a letter from Council Chair with an overview of the Council, description of the workgroups and committees, criteria around geographic and ethnic requirements, business cards and a letter from the Committee Chair. Cathy will put together a sample tool box for the January Committee meeting.

Diana McMaster will e-mail Cathy a sample letter to use for agency folks each year asking about their intentions to continue on the Council.

AGENDA FOR JANUARY

Recruitment

Plaques for retirees (Cathy will check on prices)

The committee will determine the wording on the plaque.

May Development Day

Attendance